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Lecture on Cooking. See Page 4

The Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1914.

FREE COOKING
DEMONSTRATIONS
By Mrs. Chase at 6th and Main, 3 P.
M. to-day, See Page 4 for Program

Miller & Rhoads

Special To-Day

On a First Floor Booth

25c Ratine, 11c yard

All White Ratine; also white with dainty stripes of black or lavender; a popular material and weight for skirts, suits or wraps—a quality that always sells at 25c; to-day for only 11c a yard.

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Our Big Special Exhibit
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Summer Rugs!

Our very large collection of New Floor Coverings makes it a pleasure to look here and make selections of Rugs for your summer home.

The exhibit includes Rugs of every description—for porches, halls and any room in the house—the largest and best showing we have yet made. BE SURE TO VISIT THE STORE THIS WEEK!

See the Displays of

Fibre
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Rugs!

the ideal floor covering for porches, halls and summer homes.

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We have a complete line of these excellent Grass Rugs—all sizes and all colors—at lower prices than you'll find elsewhere.

MAKE SELECTIONS THIS WEEK!

Colonial Rag Rugs!

OUR COLONIAL RAG RUGS have been greatly improved this season. They are woven from such new materials as chambrays, prints, calicos, bed ticking, cretonnes, etc., in odd-looking hit-or-miss and herringbone weaves—some with chintz borders—and the effect is most pleasing.

SMALL "COLONIALS" sell as low as 55c.

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Very Special!

We have about 50 RAG RUGS that have been used as display samples, and are somewhat soiled. On these the prices are reduced as follows:

Size 30x60 Inches.

Originally \$2.60 and \$3.50.

NOW \$1.89 AND \$2.55 EACH

Size 36x72 Inches.

Originally \$3.50 and \$5.00.

NOW \$2.55 AND \$3.50 EACH

LINEMAN SHOTS HIMSELF THROUGH RIGHT TEMPLE

Thomas J. Watkins Commits Suicide
After Threatening to Kill
His Wife.

Within two minutes after threatening to shoot his wife, Thomas J. Watkins, forty-four years old, sat down in a chair, placed a revolver to his right temple, and ended his own life last night at 8:30 o'clock in a room at the Hotel Marshall Street. Only one bullet was necessary, death being instantaneous.

Watkins was a lineman and was in the employ of the William H. Jenks Company, electrical contractors. He had been working steadily but had been unwell for several weeks. Dependence over his physical condition had been a constant worry, which had been temporarily relieved by the death of his wife.

According to Mrs. Watkins, who was the last person to see him alive, Watkins was conversing with her when he suddenly whipped out a revolver and calmly stated that he was going to kill her. With a scream of fright she rushed from her room, down the stairs into the street, where she collapsed. By the time police officers reached her side, the report of the shot was heard. An immense crowd had gathered within the first detail of police reached the scene.

Detective Sergeant Wiley and Kelton and Detective Bryant went to the Watkins room and found the body lying in a reclining position, with a 32-calibre revolver still clutched in the right hand. A revolver had been drilled through the position of the body, little blood having flowed from the wound. It was once apparent to the police that life was extinct. The body was turned over to the Medical Examiner's establishment to be prepared for burial.

Mrs. Watkins was prostrated by the occurrence, and medical attendance was necessary for her. She knew of no reason for the act, beyond the ill health of her husband, who was not seriously ill, but had been unwell for some time. The couple boarded at the Marshall Street house. They had no children.

Commencement at Union University.
The alumni of the Virginia Union University will hold their annual meeting and literary exercises to-day at 2 o'clock on the college grounds. The business meeting will be held at 3 o'clock, the literary exercises at 4 o'clock, and the commencement at 5 o'clock. The speakers will be J. W. Patterson, of the speakers, will take place at 2 o'clock, and the annual dinner to the alumni, former students and friends of the institution will take place at 7:45 o'clock.

Notified of Captain Bushy's Death.
Official notice of the death of Captain James L. Bushy, first lieutenant of the 10th Virginia Infantry, Virginia Volunteers, was received yesterday at the office of Adjutant-General Sale. Captain Bushy was a native of Portsmouth, and had been a member of the company for a number of years. He was on the retired list at the time of his death, May 25. The cause of death, noted in the official announcement of yesterday, was tuberculosis.

County Marriage License.
A marriage license was issued to William E. Thomas, of Henrico, and May Virginia Parker, of Goodland, by the clerk of the Henrico County Court yesterday.

TALBOT CHARGED WITH TAKING ARTIFICIAL LEG

Grand Jury Returns Two Indictments
Charging Peter Christian With
Attempted Criminal Assault.

Peter Talbot was indicted by the grand jury yesterday on the charge of stealing an artificial leg from Frank Rind. The true bill charges that the theft was committed within the last three years. Two indicted men appeared as witnesses before the grand jury, which returned an indictment against Talbot charging grand larceny.

Two indictments were returned against Peter Christian, each charging attempted criminal assault. The first indictment is for an offense charged to have been committed on May 15, and the second for a like offense said to have been committed on May 22.

Other indictments were found by the grand jury as follows:
William Banks, alias Bull Banks, housebreaking; Ransom Bates, housebreaking; Waverly Bates, sending obscene Oliver Cook, alias P. H. Davis, grand larceny; Estelle Huttie, sending obscene letters to a woman, grand larceny; Otto Johnson, malicious wounding; James McCutley and Charles Whitlock, malicious wounding; T. L. Poe, malicious wounding; Samuel Purvey, housebreaking; Peter Robinson, housebreaking; Salinas Raftland, housebreaking; Jesse Winfree, grand larceny; Charles Wright, malicious wounding; and Charles Young, grand larceny.

Sinking Fund Buxa Bonds.
The Board of State Sinking Fund Commissioners announced yesterday the purchase of \$1,000,000 of 4 percent par value century State bonds at \$82.25 per hundred, with interest. The cost to the state was \$1,014,141.

Will Play in Stanton Parks.
Harold Lawrence, sixteen-year-old son of James Lawrence, of Richmond, and a pupil of the Institute for the Blind, in Stanton, has been engaged to play in the Stanton Parks this summer. The boy, who has been visiting his parents here for a few days, is a fine athlete and has attracted wide attention.

Hobson to Speak.
Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson is announced to speak at the John Marshall High School auditorium on State-wide prohibition to-night.

Fined for Trespassing.
David Strang, a negro, arrested by Special Officer T. D. Dossel for trespassing on the Ford Hotel site, was yesterday fined \$2.50 and costs on that charge by Magistrate T. W. Parvane in the Henrico County Court. The magistrate also fined the man \$20 and costs on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. He had a razor and a revolver in his possession when arrested.

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SUPREME COURT WILL REVIEW TAX CONTEST

Writ of Error Granted Standard Oil
Company From Hustings
Court of Richmond.

The State Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday decided to review the proceedings in the State's fight to tax the Standard Oil Company and other oil companies on products manufactured by the company in other states and shipped to its Richmond plant for sale and distribution. Auditor Moore contends that such products are purchases in the regular manner. This view was upheld by Judge D. C. Richardson, in the Hustings Court of Richmond, on February 23, 1914.

The Supreme Court yesterday granted the writ of error, and required bond of \$500 to be posted pending a decision of the appeals.

The Standard Oil Company, on applying for its license as a merchant on day 1, stated that during the year it had made actual purchases in the year amounting to only \$49,527.50. It was shown that during the year the company had manufactured in other states and shipped to its Richmond plant petroleum products and other articles to the value of \$516,541.10, and, in addition, had purchased from other companies petroleum products and other articles to the value of \$49,527.50. Attorneys for the company contended that the Standard Oil Company, in manufacturing by the Standard Oil in other states and shipped to its Richmond plant did not represent taxable purchases.

Judge Richardson, however, took a different view, and directed the Commissioner of the Revenue to add \$516.10 to the amount of purchases made by the Standard Oil Company in the year, and thus increased the tax due to \$655.

The question involved in this case is being threshed out by both the different interstate corporations. The amount of revenue to be added by the establishment of the principle contended for by the State will be impressive, since every corporation doing an interstate business has in the past escaped taxation on products manufactured by it in other states and shipped to Virginia branches for distribution.

The firm of Munford, Hunton, Williams, & Anderson represent the Standard Oil Company. Commonwealth's Attorney Haskins represented the State in the trial court.

Funeral Bills Held Up.
The Council Committee on Claims yesterday afternoon declined to allow the bill of Thomas B. Hicks's Sons, which presented a claim for eight carriages furnished the Council to attend the funeral of Congressman Haskins. The committee held up the bill on the ground that the ordinance fixed a maximum charge of \$50 for carriages and that the bill presented for \$100.

Will Consider Building Plans.
Chairman Seaton, of the Council Joint committee to consider and report upon the advisability of erecting a municipal building on the Ford Hotel site, has called a meeting of the committee for 8 o'clock Thursday night. The committee is composed of seven members, three from the Board of Aldermen and four from the Common Council.

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WHOLESALE FRAUD IN SEED UNEARTHED BY KOINER

Oats Sold to Wise County Farmers
Had Been Doctored, So
Analysis Shows.

State Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Koiner reported yesterday the detection by seed experts of his department of a wholesale swindle of Virginia farmers in the purchase of seed oats this spring. According to the laboratory analysis handed to Commissioner Koiner by his seed examiner, at least 1,000 bushels of seed oats worth less than nothing for the purpose for which they are intended have been sold by a single firm of seed dealers to farmers of Wise County. Commissioner Koiner has forwarded the report to the Commonwealth's Attorney for the purpose of instituting legal proceedings against the seed dealer. "If convicted the dealer is not only liable to a severe fine, but may be sued for damages by the farmers to whom he sold the doctored seed," says the commissioner, "will prove a dead loss to the farmers."

The lot of seed in question, which presented a splendid appearance to the eye, was analyzed and found to be a mixture of good and bad seed. The analysis showed that the seed was doctored, and that the dealer was liable to a severe fine, but may be sued for damages by the farmers to whom he sold the doctored seed. The commissioner, "will prove a dead loss to the farmers."

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Samples of seed oats from other counties have been sent in by farmers for analysis and have proven to be of the same worthless grade as the Wise County seed. The commissioner is making an investigation of these samples and expects to ask the courts to inaugurate legal proceedings in other counties.

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PLAN BIG OUTING
Business Men's Club to Go Down River on
Saturday.

Only 29 tickets for sale to the general public have been prepared by the Business Men's Club for its annual outing on the river on Saturday. The members of the club had had opportunity to obtain cards intended for persons not members of the organization. The tickets may be purchased from any member of the committee in charge of the trip, or from Mr. A. M. Smith, chairman, and C. P. Waldorf, Jr., secretary, at the Chickamauga Knitting Mills, Inc. No declaration was filed.

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LEWIS WIRES GOVERNOR OF MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT

Says Reports of His Injuries Were
Exaggerated—Will Leave for San
Francisco on Saturday.

John T. Lewis, member of the House of Delegates from Mecklenburg County and of the Virginia Commission for the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, wired Governor Stuart yesterday that the reports of his injuries in an automobile accident on Saturday were greatly exaggerated, and that he would present himself in person at the Capitol on Friday to show that he was not disabled.

When the news of the accident to the Lewis party in Dinwiddie was received here it was feared that Mr. Lewis was so badly injured that he would be prevented from going with the other members of the Panama-Pacific Commission to San Francisco on Saturday. It appears, however, that the injury to Mr. Lewis's leg, which was first diagnosed as a fracture, is nothing more than a severe wrench, and while his elbow was dislocated, the injury is not enough to make him take to his bed.

The accident, therefore, will cause no change in the commission's program to start for the Pacific Coast this week. At a meeting here last night the commission completed all the details for the long journey, which is to be taken in order that the commission may select a site for the Virginia building at the exposition. The trip to the coast and return will take the commission from home for about three weeks.

Mr. Lewis's escape from death in the automobile accident on Saturday was little short of miraculous. The machine turned turtle and flung the occupants many yards from the road. Mr. Lewis's dislocated elbow was the most serious injury received by any member of the party.

Hot Weather Increases Demands on
Mission, Which Needs Public Support.
The hot weather has caused many demands to be made on the Ice Mission, which ministers as far as it can to the needs of the poor. Mrs. C. E. Bolling, chairman of the mission, sends out an appeal for help, and contributions to the fund for the mission are being sent to her at 902 West Grace Street.

There are many indigent ill, and ice is as necessary to them as medicine. Mrs. Bolling hopes that funds may be contributed to help the mission in its work of administering to the poor.

Drowned While Swimming.
Charles R. Franklin, twenty-four years old, of 1004 West Clay Street, was drowned on Sunday in the James River, near the Richmond Chemical Works. His body was found floating in the river on Monday morning. He had been swimming with a group of friends, and was last seen on Sunday afternoon. His death was a great loss to his family.

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WENDEBURG FROM OFFICE

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City Attorney Pollard and Attorney C. W. Meredith, who has been retained by the Commonwealth's Attorney, argued that the annexation bill was unconstitutional. They contended that the bill was unconstitutional because it was a bill of attainder, and that it was a bill of ex post facto law. They also contended that the bill was unconstitutional because it was a bill of rights, and that it was a bill of privileges and immunities.

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